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Governor Sarah Palin
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Dear Governor Palin:

This letter is concerning the Alaska Aviation Industry's plan to obtain \$34 million dollars in support of the joint Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Aviation Industry's Statewide Plan. This plan has been developed by the Capstone Statewide Agreement Implementation Committee (AIC), which was formed with the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between the FAA and the Aviation Industry representatives, in February 2007.

Under the AIC, the Safety Equipage Incentive Program (SEIP) has been designed by the Alaska Aviation representatives to provide sufficient financial assistance for the owners of approximately 4,000 Alaskan aircraft, (based on 90% of the reported flight hours) to equip with proper avionics for completion of the air-ground safety system.

For its part of the AIC Plan, the FAA has approved an investment in Alaska of approximately \$493 million for Capstone/Automatic Dependent Surveillance- Broadcast (ADS-B) infrastructure, out to Fiscal Year 2035.

The FAA recognizes the safety and access benefits this enhanced technology provides the air transportation community within the state of Alaska. The agency has committed to provide an investment of \$306 million for services in Anchorage, Bethel, Juneau, Fairbanks, Nome and Kotzebue. The remaining \$187 million that the FAA will invest is contingent upon the aviation industry's ability to equip with proper avionics.

In summary, the Alaska Aviation Community needs to obtain \$34 million for avionics equipage in order to secure the remaining \$187 million for the FAA to complete the statewide deployment of the ground infrastructure.

Your consideration and support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,

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